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- 1. MR. AISSA ABDELLAOUI, DIRECTOR OF DIVISION OF FORESTRY IN MINAG, CALLED ON ECON OFFICER BEAM MAY 6. HE STATED MINAG IS INTERESTED IN MAKING STUDY OF U.S. FORESTRY METHODS AND EQUIPMENT IN AREAS OF EROSION CONTROL, REFORESTATION (NURSERIES, ETC.), CUTTING METHODS, TRANSPORT OF WOOD AND FOREST FIRE CONTROL. GOA AIM IS TO REORGANIZE ITS FORESTRY METHODS ON LINES SIMILAR TO THOSE IN U.S. USING MAXIMUM AMOJNT OF MECHANICAL EQUIPMENT. EVENTUAL AIM WOULD BE LARGE PURCHASE OF U.S. EQUIPMENT TO IMPLEMENT THEIR PROGRAM.
- 2. TO REALIZE THIS PROJECT, MR. ABDELLAOUI ASKED IF TRIP COULD BE ARRANGED WITHIN U.S. FOR HIM AND DIRECTOR DE L'OFFICE NATIONAL DES TRAVAUX FORESTIERS IN EARLY JUNE FOR 10 DAYS. PROGRAM WOULD INCLUDE VISITING SITES WHERE THEY COULD SEE U.S. METHODS AND EQUIPMENT AT WORK IN AREAS CITED ABOVE. THEY WOULD WANT TO VISIT AREAS WITH SIMILAR CLIMATIC CONDITIONS TO THOSE IN ALGERIA. THE GOA WOULD PAY COST OF TRANSPORT TO U.S.
- 3. PLEASE ADVISE IF TRIP MAY BE ARRANGED AND IF FUNDS AVAILABLE UNDER REIMBURSABLE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR VISIT OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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